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said cladding layer of a first conduction type has a ridge portion, and

the thickness of said cladding layer of a first conduction type being less than 0.3 µm.

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29. (Amended) The nitride based semiconductor laser device according to claim 25, wherein the thickness of said ridged portion is less than 0.3 μ m.